

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 84, electing Representative Blumenauer to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Representative Kucinich to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Representative McDermott to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H774**

Suspension—Washington, D.C. City Council Contract Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 7 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 34, the House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 513, to exempt certain contracts entered into by the government of the District of Columbia from review by the Council of the District of Columbia. **Page H777**

Joint Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 85 electing the following Members to serve with the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight: Representatives Ney, Granger, Hoyer, and Gejdenson to the Joint Committee on Printing and Representatives Ney, Ehlers, Kilpatrick, and Gejdenson to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Pages H777–78**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 84 yeas to 312 nays, Roll No. 35). **Page H778**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kucinich wherein he resigns from the Committee on International Relations. **Page H778**

Presidential Message—Trade Policy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his 1997 Trade Policy Agenda and 1996 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H778–79**

Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Bishop wherein he requests a leave of absence from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H795**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H769.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H769–70, H776–77, H777, and H778. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the

Commodity Futures Trading Commission and on the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following: Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; the following officials of the USDA: Dallas R. Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; and Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce and on the Federal Courts; the Administrative Office and the Federal Judicial Center. Testimony was heard from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Judicial Conference: Judge John Heyburn, Chairman; and Judge William Young, Co-Chairman; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office, U.S. Courts; Judge Rya Zobel, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on TVA and on the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Craven Crowell, Chairman, TVA; and the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Kirk Fordice, Governor, State of Mississippi, State's Co-Chairman; and Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Co-Chairman.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Indian Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease, the National Center for Research Resources, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Dental Research. Testimony was heard from Stephen Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease; Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and

Human Development; and Harold C. Slaukin, M.D., Director, National Institute of Dental Research.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Construction. Testimony was heard from Robin Tirie, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 1998 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview and on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation; Vice Adm. T. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operation (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); and Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the GAO and on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

VA—HUD—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development continued hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Op-

portunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings continue March 11.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—CBO'S ANALYSIS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the CBO's Analysis of the Administration's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1998. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neil, Director, CBO.

SEC AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Assisted Suicide: Legal, Medical, Ethical, and Social Issues. Testimony was heard from Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston; Rabbi A. James Rudin, Director, Interfaith Relations, American Jewish Committee; Rev. David L. Adams, Executive Director, Office of Government Information, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas, Greek Orthodox Church, Archdiocese of America; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted. Testimony was heard from Lamar Alexander, former Secretary of Education; and Delaine Eastin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of California.

FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Federal Telecommunications System Acquisition Strategy (Post-FTS 2000). Testimony was heard from Robert J. Woods, Commissioner, GSA; and Frank E. Lalley, Associate Deputy and Assistant Secretary Telecommunications, Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Hearings continue March 12.

OVERSIGHT—HUD AND LABOR: MISSION MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued Agency oversight hearings: the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the

Department of Labor: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony was heard from Susan Geffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs; Charles C. Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and the following officials of the GAO: Larry Dyckman, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues; and Carlotta Joiner, Director, Education and Employment.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Met to consider funding requests for the following Committees: Rules; Banking and Financial Services; Budget; Resources, Education and the Workforce; National Security; Commerce; and Government Reform and Oversight.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 16, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Bahmaputra River Basin; H. Res. 68, amended, stating the sense of the House of Representatives that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation; and H.R. 750, amended, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China.

The Committee also ordered reported H.J.Res. 58, amended, disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Jonathan Z. Cannon, General Counsel, EPA; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Charles W. Johnson, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 927, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 926, Prisoner Service Opportunity Act of 1997; and H.R. 924, Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John G. Tilelli, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea; Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on ballistic missile defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Representative John Tanner; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Bernie Richter, Assemblyman, State of California; and public witnesses.

DOE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION—ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, held a hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget authorization request for Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Martha A. Krebs, Director, Energy Research, Department of Energy; and Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT; ADMINISTRATION BUDGET REQUEST—SBA

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration's Budget request for the SBA for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

ETHICS PROCESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, continued hearing on ISTEA Reauthorization: Policy Initiatives and Requests for Highway and Transit Projects. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

Hearings continue March 11.

MEDICARE HMO REGULATION AND QUALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare HMO Regulation and Quality. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Advisory Council on Social Security: Robert M. Ball; Sylvester J. Schieber; and Edward M. Gramlich, Chairman.

IRAN TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Iran Terrorism. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard G. Fazakerley, Blinded Veterans of America, James M. Blaylock, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Kenneth C. Huber, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Robert M. Zweiman, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles R. Jackson, Non Commissioned Officers Association of

the USA, and Virginia M. Torsch, Retired Officers Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, and to examine the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 10 through 15, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee investigative funding.

On *Tuesday*, and during the balance of the week Senate will continue consideration of S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee funding and may consider any cleared executive and legislative business, including the nomination of Frederico Peña, to be Secretary of Energy.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 11 and 13, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and the Office of Consumer Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, 12 and 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Small Business Administration, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.